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Applicant : SHIBATA et al.  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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#### AMENDMENT

20 Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 7, 2004, ("the Office Action") please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

25 **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.